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Honorable Chair Tory Rocca
State Senator
House Regulatory Committee

Dear Chairman and Committee members:

Americans For Prosperity – Michigan opposes HB 4293 in its current form.

While AFP-MI strongly supports the intent of allowing the sale of fireworks previously banned from sale in Michigan, this legislation sets a dangerous precedent of a de facto six percent additional sales tax on the sale of a commodity. This amounts to a total sales tax of 12 percent. Constitutional issues arise and impending litigation may result.

AFP-MI understands the intent of the safety fee but believes it is misguided. Where will this thinking end - lighters, matches, etc. How many individuals are injured by a whole array of products and activities such as roller blades or even playing football? Do we assess a safety fee on those products and activities?

AFP-MI urges a "no" vote at this time.

Sincerely,



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